

IN THE CLAIMS

Add the following claims:

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21~~ --21. A method of forming a covering for a floor, wall or ceiling surface
comprising the steps of:

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- (a) providing yarns and a primary backing formed of materials having aesthetic characteristics distinguished from one another;
 - (b) tufting a plurality of said yarns into and along portions of said primary backing forming cut or loop yarns on a back side of primary backing portions remote from a wear surface of the covering leaving a plurality of backstitches of the tufted yarns along and forming discrete portions of said wear surface and exposing non-tufted remaining portions of the primary backing to form remaining discrete portions of the wear surface; and
 - (c) applying a resin along the back side of said primary backing to fix said cut or loop pile tufted yarn;

thereby to form a covering with discrete wear surfaces formed by the backstitches of the tufted yarns and exposed portions of the primary backing, respectively.

22. A method according to Claim 21 including forming said primary backing of a woven material having an ultraviolet stabilizer.

23. A method according to Claim 21 including providing the tufting yarns and primary backing in different colorings to afford different aesthetic characteristics.

24. A method according to Claim 21 including applying an EVA and calcium carbonate layer to underlie the resin.

25. A method according to Claim 24 including providing a secondary backing by embedding a scrim in the EVA and calcium carbonate layer.

26. A method according to Claim 21 including forming the tufted yarns in a continuous loop pile construction.

27. A method according to Claim 21 including forming the tufted yarns in a cut loop pile construction.

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28. A method according to Claim 1 including forming said primary backing of a woven material having an ultraviolet stabilizer, providing the tufting yarns and primary backing in different colorings to afford different aesthetic characteristics, applying an EVA and calcium carbonate layer to underlie the resin, and providing a secondary backing by embedding a scrim in the EVA and calcium carbonate layer.

29. A method according to Claim 21 including forming a needle-bonded synthetic secondary backing and securing said secondary backing to said primary backing by said resin.

30. A method according to Claim 21 including forming said primary backing of a non-woven material of synthetic fibers, fixing the cut or loop yarns by providing a precoat of polyvinylchloride to the back side of the primary backing and providing a main polyvinylchloride coating having a fiberglass stabilizer to the precoat.

31. A method according to Claim 21 including forming the covering into broadloom carpeting.

32. A method according to Claim 21 including forming the covering into modular carpeting.--